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Town crews and contractors excavate a portion of the road in order to access the water main below. Crews worked all day Tuesday as well as Wednesday and Thursday to get the problems fixed and the road repaired.

Underground water system problems in Southridge

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

The waterline break on Southridge Crescent made it a long day for contractors and town employees last Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Phil Boucher, public works foreman said it was reported around 5 a.m.

Though unfortunate for the three residences without water, he said it could have been worse.

"It's not terrible. There could be worse things out there, for sure - at least it's clean water and not sewer, right?"

Excavators and dump trucks

cramped into the small street, digging up the road to expose the waterlines and find the leak, he explained.

Mike Phillips, manager of public works for the town, said that three of the service connections from the main line broke off, likely due to a couple of factors.

"It was three individual service connections to the houses that were held on by service saddles and the service saddles failed," said Phillips.

"They came off the main and caused the leak, so we had to replace all three of those service saddles with new hardware."

He explained that there is

somewhat corrosive soil in the area, which contributed to the breakdown of the individual service saddles.

"We have corrosive soil and if, when they're put in, they're not top quality service saddles, the soil conditions will start to deteriorate the actual metal," he said.

"And with the warm weather we had, it created a movement in the soil and it was just enough to pull those service saddles off the main."

Water service was restored to the houses just before midnight on Tuesday and the holes were refilled and topped with gravel on Wednesday, he added.

"We did work really diligently to have the water on before morning so they could at least shower before they head to work and have their cup of coffee," he noted.

Though the holes are filled with gravel, he said there are plans to do a wastewater and sewage line replacement over the summer and he is hoping there's an opportunity to repave the new holes in the road, along with the holes that will be created during the construction.

Though uncommon, service saddles have come off in the past, he said.

"I mean, it does happen around

town. We don't get that many of them but it does happen. This is the first time that anybody can remember when we had three at the same time do that, though."

The crews worked hard to get the problem fixed as soon as possible, he added.

"...(they) worked very diligently to try to get that fixed with as little interruption as possible. It was a tough circumstance to be in, but it was an unfortunate thing that we just could not foresee."

He wanted to thank the area residents for their cooperation and understanding as well, he said.



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Wide variety of books sold during sale

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Friends of the Didsbury Library Society held its book sale on Feb. 8 and 9, bringing in more donations than expected, accord-

ing to officials.

Margery Steckler, secretary of the society, explained the society is a non-profit group organized to raise funds for the Didsbury Municipal Library.

She said members help

provide books for the library, but also buy computers, furnishings, and the large-screen TV that the library uses for showing movies. "I can't think of all we've purchased, it's so much it's hard to remember it all," said

Steckler.

The society holds book sales every February, May, and September, and even held a casino last June, she noted, adding that the society has been running for almost seven years. "That's

what our purpose is...I look at it as a means of paying back what I've gained from libraries throughout my life, actually," she said.

It was hard for Steckler to pick out her favourite book from the literally thousands at the sale, but she said a coffee table book on China caught her eye on Friday. "As a matter of fact, it stood out so much I bought it," she joked. "It's really hard to pick out an individual book, or even a particular author, because all of my favourite authors have come through. But I think the whole idea of it is the variety of books that we get, because the books are all donated to us to sell."

She explains that some books brought to the library for donation are given to the society for sale, if for some reason the library cannot use them.

"The library looks at them and if they need them for their shelves, they keep them and the rest of them come here and we sell them. When the library discards books, we get those too," she said.

The book sale is run by donation only and any donations over \$15 are eligible for a tax receipt, she said. The money donated is usually used to get matching grants through the Community Spirit Grant, she added. Though no more sales will be held until May, if a group or organization would like to gather a large amount of books, the society would be happy to help, she said.

"We'd sure be happy to accommodate it, because what happens is if we can't sell the books - we go through before every sale and do a cull - if we can't get rid of them they end up going to recycle. So we do try to sell as many of them as we can and try to get in touch with people to see who's interested in it, but we really don't like to send them to recycle. We'd rather have them find another happy home somewhere."

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Malicious "Scareware" virus attacks locals

BY JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

A malicious new online scam is duping Canadians out of cash by using a sophisticated computer virus and allegations of surfing prohibited material – namely, child pornography.

Two cases of what the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) calls a "Scareware" scam have been reported within Mountain View County in recent weeks, said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP detachment.

Individuals surfing the Internet have received a pop-up message alleged to

be from the RCMP or CSIS advising them that they have been caught viewing child pornography, reported Jacobson.

"One individual said they were going through the online news when it popped up. The other said they were surfing legal porn sites when the pop-up surfaced," said Jacobson.

Individuals are then threatened that their alleged crime will be reported to local authorities for investigation should they refuse to pay a fine via a company called Ukash, he said.

"Between our two cases, one was asked for \$100 and the other was \$200,"

said Jacobson.

In one of the cases, the virus utilized the individual's webcam to take a photo, which was then integrated into the pop-up, he said.

"It's actually a very malicious virus. It locks the computer and will not unlock it until the fine is paid," said Jacobson.

"A lot of people who receive the pop up are legitimately concerned that maybe they passed through a site that maybe will make it look like they were viewing a page they weren't looking at," he said.

"But ultimately, it's a scam. Do not pay the money."

"Unfortunately for your computer, you probably will need to take it in and have it repaired by a computer technician."

A release from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre ensures individuals that these messages are not coming from the RCMP or CSIS.

"These messages are designed to create such shock and anxiety that victims respond by sending money quickly," the report reads.

Individuals who encounter the messages are encouraged to report it to local RCMP and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (1-888-495-8501).

New bylaw for large events to be held in town

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town council passed a special events bylaw regarding events that are expected to see an attendance of at least 550 people at the regular council meeting on Jan. 22.

The bylaw requires any organization planning an event to discuss their plans with staff at the town office and submit a \$100 fee for administrative costs, along with the required paperwork.

Mayor Brian Wittal explains that there are only around four annually-planned events that may come close to the attendance requirement and that the bylaw has much to do with planning and due diligence.

"It just gives people a checklist of things they need to look at and do," said Wittal, "and if these organizations do these kinds of things and something (goes awry), they can show that they've

done this due diligence process."

He noted that the suggested fee can be waived if an organization submits a request to council to forgo that fee as a promotional request, at which point the fee would be taken out of the promotional requests budget.

The checklist that organizations will have to examine would include planning for everything from sanitation to policing, he said.

"The reality is we need to know and understand that if there are bigger events that do want to come into the community, that we are prepared and we can work with them."

"The intent is not to make it an onerous process - the intent is that we have an individual on staff who will work with these groups, in advance, to fill it out, get the proper information that we need from them, and to ensure that we have everything...to ensure that

we're following procedure and making sure we've got everything covered off."

Luana Smith, deputy CAO, mentioned during the council meeting that she is already contacting organizations that bring in over 550 attendees so that they are not surprised or taken unaware by the new bylaw.

Wittal noted that organizations won't have to go through the entire process every year - they would just have to review the previous year's paperwork with administration to see if anything has changed.

"We will have it on file, it's just a matter of us reviewing it each year with them just to make sure that it's still relevant, so we're trying to make the process as painless as possible for them."

The reason for the fee, he explained, is because of the amount of time that it will take town staff to go through the entire planning process.

"What we're saying is

that there is some time involved with this in administration, and we feel that it is a fair value," he said.

"Up until now, we haven't had to do this, but things change and we have to be very cognizant of that from the community's perspective."

"We'd rather be prepared for that and implement something like this now, as opposed to doing it after we've had an issue and a liability suit to a group or organization in town that could have been prevented."

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Opinion

Editorial

Tough on crime only part of the solution

The Harper government says its plans to get tough on crime through new legislation now before the House will make communities everywhere safer for everyone.



DAN SINGLETON

The new session of Parliament, now underway, will include the introduction of legislation aimed at making life much harder for offenders, says Justice Minister Rob Nicholson.

"Restoring Canadians' confidence in their justice system has been an important priority for our government," said Nicholson.

"As we move forward to ensure that Canadians have safe streets and communities to live in, our government will put victims first, protect our children, and make Canada's justice system more efficient."

The government's plans include passing legislation to toughen penalties for offenders guilty of child sex offences, and to ensure public safety in cases where offenders are declared not criminally responsible due to mental disorder.

Other legislation will deal with such things as victim restitution, victims' rights, and the toughening of extradition rules.

Few law-abiding citizens would argue against efforts that make sure the justice system works for victims while at the same time ensuring that offenders are made to pay for their crimes.

In the case of child sex offences, Canadians everywhere, including right here in West Central Alberta, want penalties and punishments to be the harshest the law can provide for.

As such, MPs of all parties should be encouraged to work together to make sure Canadian criminal law, including penalties for offenders, puts victims first and foremost.

At the same time, increasing penalties and punishments will only work if the people who enforce the laws are given the resources they need.

For example, courts need to be adequately staffed and equipped to meet the needs of both Crown and defence. And since funding of provincial courts is the responsibility of the province, cooperation from the Redford government will be a must if the Harper government's plans are to achieve long-term success in Alberta.

If, on the other hand, the province fails to make support for law enforcement and the courts a top priority, the end result may end up being an even more overburdened court system that makes victims wait for justice and, in some cases, may even lead to criminals going free because of court delays. "Crime has devastated the lives of far too many people in this country," says Nicholson. "We must continue and expand on our many successful efforts to date to restore public faith in our criminal justice system for the benefit of all Canadians."

If MLAs and MPs really want to end the devastation of lives caused by crime, they will need to work together. And they should.

Meanwhile, over at the Obama's place



Commentary

The big pay advantage in big government

MARK MILKE

When Alberta Premier Alison Redford took to the television screen last month, she paid much attention to the revenue side of the government's books. On Alberta's massive budget deficit, the premier blamed the below-world price that Alberta-based companies receive for oil.

Nothing was whispered about past sweetheart deals with public sector unions. So for example, nothing about the education sector, where in 2011 the province itself described the five-year salary increases as "nearly double the rate of inflation." Nor did the Premier mention soaring public sector pension costs.

Perhaps the provincial government should see a credit counsellor. She might tell Redford that balanced books are not just about the money coming in, but the money going out.

If someone who normally earns \$50,000 per year is awarded a one-time \$20,000 performance bonus, they would be foolish to expect the same again and to spend \$70,000 in the following year in anticipation of another year-end windfall.

But that's exactly what consecutive Alberta governments have done for years.

Per capita program spending rose to \$10,526 in this current budget year from \$6,825 in 1996/97. Those figures account for inflation and population growth, and are a 56 per cent jump in real terms.

A good chunk of the new spending has gone to the public sector. This time last year a University of Calgary report found that 95 per cent of the increases in provincial revenues in the previous decade were swallowed up by Alberta's pub-

lic sector.

Is all that extra spending justified? Not really. To understand why, consider a report from my colleagues Amela Karabegovic and Jason Clemens. Based on Statistics Canada labour force data, they discovered the average public sector worker in Alberta earns a 10.3 per cent wage premium compared to their private sector counterpart.

The report also found that public sector workers in Alberta will retire, on average, two years earlier than those in the private sector. In addition, such workers have much better pension benefits.

In 2011, 81.4 per cent of Alberta's public-sector workers were covered by a registered pension plan (and 97.2 per cent of them possessed a defined benefit plan).

In the private sector, just 21.5 per cent of workers were even covered by a registered pension plan; less than half of them (just 43.5 per cent) were in a defined benefit plan.

Or, expressed another way: In the private sector, fewer than one in 10 private sector workers have a defined benefit plan; that compares to (roughly) eight in 10 workers in the public sector who have guaranteed retirement benefits. But the former pay for the latter.

At this point, some will argue that because public sector employees also pay taxes, none of this matters. Wrong.

That's akin to an employee telling their employer that if he is awarded a 10 per cent raise, but contributes back one per cent, he has in fact "contributed" to his raise.

That illogic ignores the significant extra cost to the employer, or in the case of the provincial treasury to taxpayers.

There's a reason for the above disparities. In the private sector, businesses pay market salaries and benefits: Pay above-market and you quickly become cost uncompetitive and ultimately flit with bankruptcy; conversely, go cheap and you lose workers.

On pensions for example, many companies rightly fear the "GM legacy" effect. That's where a company promises a certain level of benefits decades from now but which can bankrupt companies. (That just happened to Hostess, the maker of "Twinkies").

That's why ever-fewer companies offer defined benefit plans. Instead, the private sector trend is to defined contribution plans where benefits are based on what's affordable for everyone and pension benefits are (realistically) based on investment returns.

In work paid for by taxpayers, there is no natural check on pay or pensions because politicians too often think taxpayers can be shanghaied into paying even more tax, and governments as an entity rarely face the threat of bankruptcy.

To be fair, the deal between taxpayers and the broad public sector should go both ways. When total compensation (whatever the mix of pay and pension benefits) is higher than the private sector, politicians have a duty to get such costs in line with private sector realities and what taxpayers can afford.

Similarly, where public sector work is underpaid relative to the private sector, public sector unions are on solid ground to ask for increases. At present though, and on average, that's not the reality in Alberta.

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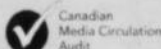
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Town to conduct supplemental tax assessment

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town council approved a motion to conduct a supplemental tax assessment in fall of this year, according to officials.

The reason for this, explained Mayor Brian Wittal, is so owners whose buildings have been completed since the first assessment – usually done in the early summer – will pay tax on the buildings closer to their time of completion. "Because over here on your original assessment, we've just got the property, but in six months, they could have the building up," said Wittal.

"So what your assessor does is come in and now he

reassesses the value of that property, that's why they call it supplementary," he added.

Some communities do this on a regular basis, especially in growth communities, he noted.

"So what you're doing is stepping in there and assessing them so that they're starting to pay taxes immediately. It just helps to share the load a little bit more."

As a resident in town, he said that they should be paying taxes like everybody else.

From a competitive point of view, he added that council could waive the assessment to encourage new commercial businesses. But with an election slated for fall, that action would be committing the next council to the deal that the current council made with the business.

"And that's where you've got to be very careful, because you're not allowed to do that," he said.

So, on Jan. 22, council passed a motion to conduct the supplementary assessment, because of all the new developments that will be completed by the time the assessor comes to do the supplementary assessment.

"If we've got lots of growth – and this year we have, just look at the permits we've got – yeah, maybe we do need to do that supplemental assessment here, because there's potential there to bring in new revenues."

Luana Smith, deputy CAO for the town, noted that in 2012, the town received about \$3,500 in the supplementary assessment, and in past years, supplementary assessments have brought in more than \$20,000 in extra revenue.

Humane society offers subsidized sterilization

BY JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

The Wild Rose Humane Society is hoping to partner with area veterinary clinics to offer a Spay and Neuter Subsidy Program to qualifying applicants, said WRHS spokesperson Warren Wright of Didsbury.

The program will be open to residents of Airdrie, Crossfield, Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and the surrounding rural areas.

Eligible candidates can receive a subsidy of up to 80 per cent towards the cost of sterilizing their pet,

said Wright.

"We're launching the Spay and Neuter Subsidy Program in the hope that it will reduce the number of unwanted pets born every year," he said.

"We're aiming to reduce the overwhelming pressure on local animal shelters where these pets inevitably end up."

The program is intended to assist families and individuals who might be able to afford day-to-day costs of owning a pet, but struggle to pay the one-off surgical fee of sterilizing their pet, he said.

Applicants will be screened to ensure their

household incomes warrant the grant of a subsidy to spay or neuter a pet.

Applications for the program will open on March 1 and subsidies will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Once the annual budget for the program has been exhausted, Wild Rose Humane Society will close the program for its fiscal year, with plans to reopen in 2014, said Wright.

For more information on the program, how to apply, to make a donation, or how to volunteer with Wild Rose Humane Society, please visit www.wildrosehumane.ca.



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RAISE THE ROOF - Arnold Tamasky (left) and Frank Puzstai guide the trusses during construction on the Cayenne Holdings strip mall between the Mountain View Credit Union and AG Foods.

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Black Bin	26, 27	12, 13, 26, 27
Green Bin	--, --	5, 6



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DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

Young Chefs - February 22 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ages 6-12. Cost is \$40.00. Registration deadline is February 19.

Standard First Aid - April 13 and 14 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ages 15+. Cost is \$130.00 + GST. Registration deadline is April 5.

Standard First Aid Recertification - March 8 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ages 15+. Cost is \$95.00 + GST. Registration deadline is March 1.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register or for more information.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 13-06	98 Valarosa Drive	Single Family Home - w/conditions	R2
DP 13-07	5 Valarosa Court	Single Family Home - w/conditions	R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 5, 2013.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

Moving progressively into the future by enhancing our community and quality of life, while respecting our history.

Letter to the Editor

Official response to 'Stray cats that aren't' letter

In response to Mrs. Dodman's letter "Stray cats that aren't", p. 6 *Didsbury Review*, Feb. 5.

We deal with a lot of cats in the bylaw department. We generally see two opposing schools of

thought when it comes to cats:

1 - "It's a cat and I think it isn't right to keep it in

the house all the time."

2 - "If you have a cat, keep it on your own property, I don't want it on mine."

Until 2007 it was not illegal in Didsbury to let your cat wander the neighbourhood. In 2007, council passed a bylaw making it illegal for the owner of a cat to let it wander off of their property.

When cats are allowed to wander, they fight with other cats, they use flower gardens for toilets, and spray on people's buildings. Not to mention the havoc they cause for the people that are allergic to cats.

The bottom line is people have the right to enjoy their own property without being affected by their neighbour's choice to own a cat.

Enforcement of the bylaw is tricky and

expensive. Cats are hard to catch and when we do catch them we usually have no way of telling who owns them.

When we don't know who to call to pick them up, they have to be kennelled at a significant cost to the town. When an owner shows up to claim the cat, they are often charged for either the cat not wearing its town tags, not being licensed and/or cat running at large.

Unfortunately, there seems to be an attitude in our society that cats are disposable. This attitude is evident to us because approximately 5 per cent of the cats that are captured are ever claimed. This leaves the taxpayers on the hook for the care and adoption of these animals.

If you are having a problem with cats on your property the town has four

cat traps that can be lent out to those people who wish to keep the cats off their property. The traps are humane and are essentially a kennel with a trap door.

Once a cat is caught, just leave it in the trap and contact the town. A bylaw officer will come by promptly to pick it up. The cat will be examined for tags, chips and tattoos, and the owner will be contacted. If no owner can be found, the cat will be transported to our kennel facility.

Unfortunately, the traps are only available in the spring and summer months. This is to ensure that the animals are not left in the trap too long in the cold weather. Humane treatment of these animals is paramount.

Remember it is not the cat's fault - it is doing what its instincts tell it.

Allowing your cat to wander and not having it fixed is not only illegal, it is unethical and immoral. A female cat's reproductive ability is staggeringly high.

Cats born into the wild cause all the problems stated above and in addition, they are not being cared for, allowing them to be exposed to the elements.

Many of the feral cats that we see around town are missing ears from frostbite. Not being cared for also means that they are not being vaccinated, which leads to the spread of disease.

So, Mrs. Dodman, we feel the same frustration you do. With cooperation from the citizens we can change attitudes, get cats registered so they can be returned home and keep cats where they are wanted and loved.

*Derek Sutherland
Community peace officer
Didsbury*

From the last article regarding the Atom Tier 2 Ramblers there have been some ups and downs in their season. Over the past week the Ramblers have solidified a fifth ranking in their league standings, but lost out in the provincial playdowns to Bieseker.

The Ramblers opened up their provincial playdowns against Crossfield and won a decisive two game series. Next up was Bieseker....In the two game series the Ramblers were up 3-1 late in game one when three unanswered goals (by the same player) solidified game 1 for Bieseker. The Ramblers went home knowing what needed to be done, which was win game two by two goals to move on. The Ramblers came out hard and battled to the best of their abilities; however, Bieseker had both a scorer with a hot hand and a goalie that put up a wall in net. Unfortunately the Ramblers lost another close game to Bieseker and will not be moving on in the provincial playdowns.

After the devastation of the loss in the provincial playdowns most teams would have sat back and went into a lull after their hard fought battle, but that's not the Ramblers' style. Over the

past second half of the season in league play, the Ramblers have been winning the majority of their games and would have to continue this if they wanted to solidify a playoff spot. The Ramblers had three games left on their schedule over the past week against Banff, Okotoks and Strathmore. In the first meeting of the year against Banff, Didsbury lost a one sided contest; however, this was a different Didsbury team and their fortunes were different. They won the game and attained the much needed two points. Next up was Okotoks, in the first meeting of the season Okotoks beat Didsbury 6-1. The Ramblers knew that they needed to win against Okotoks and learn from the first meeting of the season against the strong Okotoks club. As a fan of hockey, this game had it all, scoring, rough play and great goaltending. The only thing that tainted this game was the abuse of the officials from the Okotoks bench staff. After the sixty minute battle the game was knotted at 2, which was a fitting end to a great game. This led us to the final game of the season against Strathmore. Didsbury had been climbing up the standings and knew that 5th place in league play was within their grasp if they could win. The Ramblers had to battle, as Strathmore was not going to give Didsbury the game without a fight. Like the game the day before it was hard fought contest, but this time the Ramblers were able to net an extra goal and win this game 3-2. Now that the regular season is over the next stop for the Ramblers is the playoffs....Good Luck and Great Job Ramblers!



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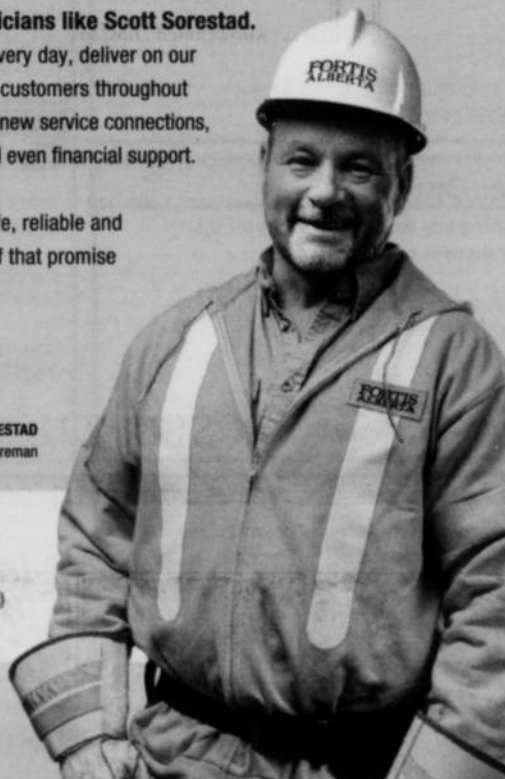
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Around Town
with the Didsbury Library


February 20 and 27

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served - supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402-335-4739 for more info.

February 21 and 22

Cyber Camp @ the Library. Programs for 6 to 12 year olds on Internet Safety and computer skills. Younger children come in the mornings and older in the afternoon on Thursday and Friday. No fee, but you MUST pre-register as space is limited.

February 22

Join us for the Melvin Hall Society's Country & Western Dance to be held at Melvin Hall 13km West of Didsbury on Highway 582 on Friday, February 22. Music by Sundowners. 8pm till 11pm, \$10.00 per person. For more information call Emily at 403-335-3896

February 23 & 24

Train Show-Members of our Train Club will be at the Olds Model Train and Hobby Show scheduled for February 23 & 24, 2013. Our model train, upstairs in the Museum, continues to develop into quite a display. If you would like to know more about the train display, or work on it with the Train Club Members please call Rick Astle, 403-556-8121 for information.

February 25

7:00 pm at the Didsbury Museum. Everyone is invited to the next planning get-together for the Mountain View Arts Festival. This meeting will include any last minute wishes and dreams and budget decisions. Please come and tell us what you would like to see at this year's Art's Festival (Sept. 13 - 15). For more information, call 403-335-9445 or email: info@mountainviewartsfestival.ca

February 27

Coffee & Conversation will be held at the Didsbury Museum on Wednesday, February 27 from 1 - 3:30 pm. Our guests will be Constable Bigras from the RCMP and his dog Cola. He will be sharing his knowledge about training of RCMP Dogs and the role they play in protecting our communities. Everyone is welcome to come explore the Museum, enjoy a cup of coffee and goodies and chat with friends.

Thursdays - 1:30 pm. An invitation to all seniors to come and enjoy the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). A weekly free program of games, activities and special events. If a ride is required, please call 403-335-4391.

Get Ready To Travel! Happy Trails Bus (formerly 5-0 Transportation). Theatre - Casino - Day Trips! Watch for dates and details. Posters will be out soon!

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@tibs.prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the Didsbury Review

distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space constraints. To try and

accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

HALL RENTALS:

ROSEBUD HALL RENTALS. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS Call Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For Hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861.

DIDSBURY ELKS HALL RENTALS. Call Shelley Fakir 403-335-9213.

ST. CYPRIAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL RENTALS contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745.

LONE PINE HALL HALL, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190 for rental information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL For meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288.

FALLEN TIMBER COMMUNITY HALL offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for information at 403-637-2270.

MELVIN HALL - www.melvinhall.ca For rentals: Emily, 403-335-3896.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Shirley Thompson 403-335-3787

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS - Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM - Open 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS. - Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to

come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

PARENT LINK CENTER - Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE - is a resource centre for the town, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

HUNTINGTONS - Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhaia 403-335-9520.

BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS! Mountain View Optimists meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Sandy's in Olds. mountainviewoptimists@gmail.com

DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 8:30 at the Masonic Hall, 21 Ave. & 21 St. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group.

INVITATION TO ALL SENIORS: FRIENDS AND FUN PROGRAM - Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2012 at 1:30pm. Free program of games, activities, special events & refreshments. Eldon Foote Hall. Ride? 403-335-4391 tfn

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church. Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820 tfn

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445. tfn

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman, 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome! tfn

LIONS COMMUNITY SHUTTLE BUS - Doing an extra run on 10% Tuesdays at AG Foods March 5 & April 2 04-14

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month, 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Brandee 403-335-7273 or Sharon 403-335-7285 tfn

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
For more information
phone 403-335-4451

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403-335-3551 Email cwcc@tairnet.com

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For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran**Lutheran Church Canada**

1500 - 23 St. • Rev. Robert Mohr
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-5656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
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Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities
please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday each month

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
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Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
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The existing 166L transmission line is approximately 15 kilometres (nine miles) long. We are proposing several route options for the 166L rebuild, shown with the solid and dotted red lines in the map to the right.

Please join us at our open house. We will be available to share information, gather your input and address any questions or concerns you might have about the proposed rebuild.

Representatives from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) will also be there to answer any questions you have about the need for transmission development.

We hope to see you there.

Please contact us for more information
1-855-520-1923 (toll free)
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| — Potential Route Option | ■ Urban Area |

Thursday, February 28, 4 – 8 p.m.

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RCMP release 2012 crime statistic totals

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Incidents of fraud have become a big problem for Didsbury RCMP in recent years, according to the annual Didsbury Mayor's Report.

Fraud occurrences jumped from only six calls in 2011 to 24 calls in the year of 2012, according to the report drafted by Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP.

"Frauds increased significantly with much of the increase attributed to Internet-based scams," said Jacobson.

These scams include the 'secret shopper', email and 'grandparent' scams, as well as those that use Kijiji as a place to find victims.

The report, submitted to town council near the end of each calendar year, highlights crime statistics within the town of Didsbury, as opposed to the Annual Performance Plan (APP) Report, which highlights statistics within the entire jurisdiction of the Didsbury RCMP.

"Based on how files are statistically scored, it is noted that when a file includes more than one type of offence, multiple statistics are reflected," he said, noting that a theft and assault committed at the same time would count as both an assault and a theft, statistically.

Crime statistics

"Property crimes related to thefts and mischief decreased significantly to one of the lowest rates in years," said Jacobson.

Mischief complaints dropped 41 per cent, going from 86 occurrences in 2011 to 51 in 2012, he said.

"It is hoped that our APP initiatives including bar walks and evening person checks have helped deter several property crimes from occurring," he noted.

Theft under \$5,000 dropped from 89 cases in 2011 to 68 in 2012, he said, though theft over \$5,000 rose from 10 incidents in 2011 to 13 in 2012.

Other criminal code offences, such as breaching of release conditions and persons failing to attend court

rose from 147 counts in 2011 to 171 in 2012, he said.

Most other statistics were relatively unchanged, though Jacobson noted there was a slight drop in many categories, such as liquor act violations, disturbance of the peace, drug warnings and charges, and non-traffic/non liquor related charges.

Threats, harassment, assaults, and sex crimes stayed even at 93 occurrences per year, he added.

Municipal bylaw enforcement calls usually relate to noise violations, he noted, adding that a warning will be given on the first complaint in most cases, with a second complaint leading to a fine.

There were 74 reported bylaw violations with two charges being laid in 2011, while in 2012, there were 77 reported occurrences with five charges being laid, he said.

Service calls have remained steady, though false alarm reporting has gone down due to the false alarm bylaw making those responsible for the calls to be held accountable, he said.

False alarm calls in 2011 totalled 128 and calls in 2012 dropped significantly to 84 calls, he said.

Traffic statistics

Traffic crimes have gone down year after year, though Jacobson noted that the reason is due, in part, to police spending less time on proactive traffic enforcement.

There were 12 impaired driving charges laid in 2012, compared to nine in the previous year, and 17 roadside suspensions, compared to 21 in 2011, he said.

"A number of checkpoints over the Christmas season resulted in no new impaired driving charges," he said.

"This is hopefully demonstrating a new trend toward fewer incidents of impaired driving as the public recognizes the serious consequences of breaking the law."

Traffic offence charges and warnings totalled 126 in 2012, compared to 175 in 2011, he said, with 224 provincial traffic law violations in 2012, compared to 284 in 2011.

There were 14 hit and runs reported in 2012, compared

to 20 in the previous year, he added.

In 2012, there were seven 'other criminal code' traffic violations, such as failing to remain at the scene of a crash, compared to five in the previous year.

The number of reported collisions lowered somewhat, from 66 incidents in 2011 to 62 in 2012, he said, adding that of those, in 2012, 46 were over \$2,000 worth of damage, compared to 52 in 2011.

There were no fatal collisions in town for either year, though in 2012, seven non-fatal collisions occurred, compared to five in 2011, he said.

Service calls

The total calls for service, based on all violations, service requests and other statistics generated in Didsbury, not including criminal record checks, were 1,808 in 2012, compared to 1,876 in 2011, he said.

Suspicious persons or vehicles reports rose from 69 in 2011 to 80 in 2012, he said, adding that these are generally calls from concerned residents or Citizens On Patrol (COP).

There were six property check requests in 2012 compared to eight in the previous year, and Jacobson explained that these are usually calls made by residents who are going on vacation and want to let police know for security purposes, or that these are calls made by COP about unsecured premises.

There were 48 missing persons calls in 2012, compared to 26 in 2011, which he said can be a strain on police resources.

"These files create significant strain on detachment resources, however, new legislation was introduced this year that provides police with additional powers to try to locate individuals - such as obtaining banking and cell-phone records," he said.

Criminal record checks totalled 1,068 in 2011 and 982 in 2012, he said.

There were 196 incidents of prisoners held at the detachment in 2012, compared to 205 in 2011, he added.

Graffiti found over the weekend

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Vandals struck a business in Didsbury, spray painting a wall on the backside of a building on Friday, Feb. 8, according to police.

RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said the business was on the 1800 block of 20 Street and that the vandalism is still under investigation.

He wanted to let businesses know that, after reporting incidents to police, to cover any graffiti with some paint.

Doing so will help to discourage the culture of vandalism and also take away any sense of pride the offenders may have in what they did, he said.

Jacobson noted that anybody linked back to vandalism can be charged with mischief, which is a criminal code offence.



Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

PROVISIONAL STATUS - The Didsbury-Carstairs Rotary Club recieved their provisional club status from Rotary District Governor Fran Leggett on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The chapter, seen here - minus Dr. Diane Smith - has recruited 11 members and is well on its way to becoming an official Rotary chapter. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the club at (didsburycarstairsrotary@gmail.com) for more information.

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ANDERSON, Muriel
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Muriel is survived by her husband, Roy of 60+ years; son, Todd; daughter, Sandra; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeremiah, Rachel; one great-granddaughter, Hailey; 2 brothers; 6 sisters and 29 nieces and nephews. She did house cleaning for 24 years in Calgary and also enjoyed knitting and sewing. Family and friends are invited to a time of reminiscing and luncheon at the Didsbury Elks Hall on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, 200 - 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 2P5. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca



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